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In re Patent Application of:  
Yasushi Kojima *et al.*

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PROTECTING FUEL CELL

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2008 (Paper No. 20080116), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.